

## PAYS THE PENALTY DENYING HIS GUILT

Del Verno Protests Innocence of Murderous Intent in Electric Chair.

## HOPES UNTIL LAST FOR HIS PARDON

Carrying Crucifix, Italian Rallies Courage and Signals Readiness for Death Chamber.

AUBURN, N. Y., Nov. 16.—Declaring to the last his innocence of murder, Andrea Del Verno was electrocuted at 6:10 o'clock this morning for stabbing to death Anthony Page, at Rome, N. Y., in June, 1901.

Not until the patter of the priest's sandals broke the depressing silence in the death chamber did the prisoner abandon hope of pardon by the governor. Clutching the crucifix in trembling hands, Del Verno wailed his last protest to the spiritual adviser.

"Father, I never killed Tony," he moaned. "He drew the knife, and as I struggled with him he fell on it. I am innocent."

Signals His Readiness. Then, with a strange rally of his courage, the prisoner pulled himself together and signaled his readiness for the death chamber.

Before taking his seat in the electric chair, Father Robert wrenched the crucifix from the prisoner's hold and the condemned man settled back into the harness with the words, "Jesus, have mercy upon me. I ask pardon for my sins," trembling upon his lips.

At 6:37 o'clock State Electrician Davis threw the switch which shot 1,840 volts and 8 amperes through the heaving body. This current was maintained for seven seconds and gradually reduced to 200 volts, which was held for half a minute. The current was increased to maximum until 6:50 o'clock.

Pronounced Dead. A second contact of 1,840 volts 9 amperes was applied for twenty seconds, and the attending physicians pronounced the man dead.

The body was claimed by relatives in Rome, N. Y. Dr. Jacob Goldberg, of Buffalo, who introduced in the assembly the amendment compelling immediate autopsy, was present as a witness, and after a thorough examination declared that death was certain by electrocution as practiced at Auburn.

## SHOOT IN DEFENSE OF PET MONGRELS

One Man Dead and Town Terrorized Is Aftermath of Street Dog Fight.

WETUMKA, Okla., Nov. 16.—As the result of a fight between two mongrel dogs one man is dead, another seriously wounded, and the town of Wetumka divided into two factions, and a bloody feud is threatened.

Brothers of the dead man have been walking the streets of the town heavily armed, and the citizens are terrorized.

Ben Smith and John Tabor sided with their respective pets when the animals encountered each other on the main street yesterday and Tabor, after he had been wounded, slew his adversary. He was placed under arrest and a posse of deputies armed with repeating rifles guard him.

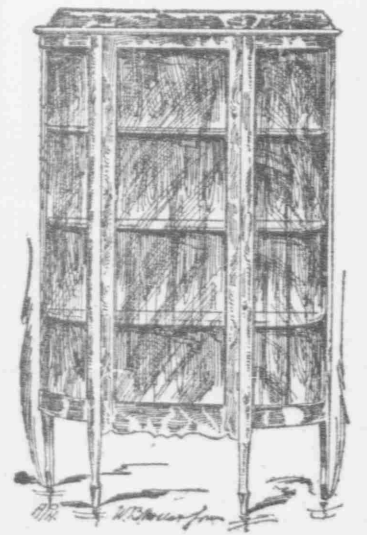
## DYER NOT MISSING, INSISTS LAWYER

CHICAGO, Nov. 16.—In spite of the strangely disquieting messages that come from Paris regarding the disappearance of Charles Dyer, a Chicago artist, while his wife and daughter are penniless in the French capital and have appealed to the American consul general to help in their search for the missing man, Clarence A. Burley, Mr. Dyer's lawyer here, insists there is no mystery in the case, and that Dyer is simply on a business trip.

## STEALS \$18,653 IN STAMPS.

SOUTH BEND, Ind., Nov. 16.—Burglars plundered the South Bend post-office of \$18,653 in stamps and made such a successful escape that postoffice inspectors and policemen are without a clue.

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## ROOT IN RIGHT PLACE, DIPLOMATS' OPINION

Belief Is General That the Secretary Is Peculiarly Needed in State Department—Conditions in Orient and South America Are Pointed Out.

That Secretary of State Root is peculiarly needed at the State Department at this time and for an indefinite period in the future is the impression among diplomats, both American and foreign.

On the American side, matters relating to the Oriental situation and to the forthcoming adjustment of relations among the United States, Colombia, and Panama are given as making it especially important that he remain. Among the foreign diplomats many reasons are urged.

South American countries are especially confident of the disposition of the United States toward them so long as Mr. Root is at the department's head. The Root tour of South America made an impression which involved a personal element that could not well be transferred. The South American foreign offices are confident they understand Mr. Root. Whether they would have the same assurance about a new man is not so sure. Root has their acquaintance and confidence. Another would have to earn it as he has done.

Tariff Question. Then there are matters bearing on foreign commercial relations, especially as involved with the coming tariff revision, which make it desirable that a trained and up-to-the-minute statesman have charge. The new tariff is expected to bring various problems which may ultimately require consideration through the State Department. If a maximum and minimum tariff shall be the outcome of the deliberations of Congress, there will be a multitude of very practical commercial negotiations to be considered in the succeeding year or two. For these things Root is considered peculiarly equipped.

When it was first announced that Secretary Root was likely to be transferred from the foreign office to the Senate there was a remarkable chorus of expression from the diplomatic quarters. Not only were the most earnest and straightforward expressions of regret indulged by the diplomats in Washington, but it is known that many foreign chancelleries, especially those of South America, have been inquiring of their representatives here to know if

the change is imminent and committing themselves to diplomatic expressions of regret. So long as the successor to Secretary Root is not designated, there is no impropriety in this course; if the successor had been named, it would, of course, be improper to indicate any preference.

Nobody knows as yet—nobody outside the very inner circles—how great a burden the State Secretary has borne in connection with the tangled Oriental situation since the Russo-Japanese war.

That matters are pending which make it peculiarly important to retain him at the State Department until current negotiations can be concluded, is strongly believed in diplomatic quarters.

There was any ulterior purpose in sending the fleet to the Pacific—and all the world believes there was—then manifestly the crisis in that situation cannot be far away. The fleet is at Manila, and the Government is ever to urge any particular demands on Japan, this is the time when it would naturally be expected to do so. It has the force on hand to back up the demands. To bring the crisis of such a negotiation just at the moment when this Government was best situated to issue something like a piece of strategy. There are many people who believe that this is just what has been done by our Government.

Chinese Situation. Mr. Taft will presently be President. His Shanghai speech of November, 1901, committed him strongly to the policy of using American influence, and force if necessary, to maintain the integrity of China. Now, just on the eve of his assumption of power as President, there is internal upheaval, or the possibility of it, in China. The imperial dynasty is passing through the changes incident to the death of the Emperor and of the dowager, long and real ruler. In a government as loose and uncertain as China's, these things may produce startling changes in conditions. The United States might easily be involved in grave embarrassments, for Japan is supposed to have been long awaiting this juncture in the hope of augmenting her influence in China.

These are among the aspects of Oriental politics which have caused suspicion that Mr. Root may yet be subjected to special urgings to remain at the head of the State Department.

RUSSIA IN PERSIA WORRIES ENGLAND. ST. PETERSBURG, Nov. 16.—Uneasy over the constant strengthening of Russia's position in Persia, the English ambassador was today reported as calling upon the Russian foreign office for an explanation of the activity of Russian officers in Persia.

The reports that the Czar's officers virtually control Persia, and are rapidly stamping out the constitution that England is pledged to support, have aroused the English embassy here.

The negotiations between the embassy and foreign office have been carried on in an amiable manner so far, but there is every indication that England is daily growing more restless.

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## GEORGETOWN ENDEAVORERS HEAR REV. COPP'S ADDRESS

Special Meeting Held at West Street Presbyterian Church.

At a special meeting of the Christian Endeavorers' Society of the West Street Presbyterian Church, the Rev. Zed H. Copp made an interesting address.

Lawrence M. Thompson, of the Temple Baptist Christian Endeavor, brought greetings from his society.

Mr. and Mrs. William Markham, of Thirteenth street, have gone to Richmond, Va., where they will be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Carpenter.

William H. Smith, of the Young Men's Christian Association, led at the prayer meeting of the Epworth League Chapter of the Dumbarton Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church last evening.

Georgetown Camp, No. 32,560, Modern Woodmen of America, will be re-inforced by an auxiliary, if the plans now under consideration are carried out. This additional organization to the Woodmen has created a great deal of interest.

Miss Catherine Holmes has returned home from a visit to friends and relatives in Pennsylvania, where she spent a month.

Tomorrow evening the opera, "In the Flowerland," will be presented for the second time by the Sunday school children of Grace Episcopal Church.



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## REBEL TROOPS BEAT SULTAN'S SOLDIERS

Siege of Medina and Mecca, in Arabia, Seems Assured. Sixty Men Killed.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Nov. 16.—The siege of Medina and Mecca, in Arabia, is threatened today as the result of the defeat of the troops dispatched from the Medina garrison to suppress the reactionary force that has been terrorizing the country surrounding Medina for several days.

In the clash between the troops and rebels, sixty soldiers were killed and fifty injured.

The rebel force has been strengthened greatly, and is attempting to follow up the success by laying siege to Medina and Mecca.

## Austrian Troops Drive Montenegrins Over Line

BUDAPEST, Nov. 16.—Though officially denied, it is positively known here today that a sharp skirmish occurred yesterday between Montenegrin and Austrian troops in which the Montenegrins were driven across the frontier. Several were killed and wounded in the clash.

## FLEET TO WELCOME KING.

LONDON, Nov. 16.—An imposing fleet of twenty-eight warships has assembled at Portsmouth to welcome the King and Queen of Sweden, who come today to Windsor as King Edward's guests. Windsor Castle has been elaborately decorated in honor of the visitors.